GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Mines & Minerals – Sand – Revised Free Sand Supply guidelines - Online, user friendly and with strengthened Institutional Mechanism – Amendment – Orders – Issued.

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INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (MINES-III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 64 Dated: 18-10-2024

Read the following:-

1. From MOEF&CC, Govt. of India, S.O. No. 141(E) Dt:15.01.2016.
2. G.O. Ms. No.71, Ind & Com (Mines-II) Dept., Dt:04.09.2019.
3. G.O. Ms. No.43, Ind & Com (MINES-III) Dept, Dt:08.07.2024.
4. G.O. Ms. No.49, Ind & Com (MINES-III) Dept, Dt:02.09.2024.
5. From the Commissioner and Director of Mines & Geology, AP., e-file bearing No. INC04-26024/48/2024-SAND SECTION-DMG, Dt.17.10.2024.

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ORDER:

In the G.O. 3rd read above, Government, while withdrawing the prevailing sand policies (New Sand Mining Policy 2019 and Upgraded Sand policy 2021) introduced the Interim Mechanism for supply of sand to the consumers without any revenue to the Government till formulation of Sand Mining Policy 2024 with certain objectives as mentioned therein.

2. In the G.O. 4th read above, Government, have introduced Revised Free Sand Supply Guidelines to further improve the mechanism ensuring availability and making the process technology based, user friendly and transparent.

3. In the single e-file 5th read above, the Commissioner and Director of Mines & Geology, AP., has stated that in the S.O. 1st read above, the MOEF&CC, Govt. of India, has indicated that there is an exemption from requirement of Environmental Clearance for customary extraction of sand and ordinary earth from the sources situated in Gram Panchayat for personal use or community work in villages. Further, while the sand operations were handled by the M/s APMDC during the period from 2019-21, similar provision was made available in rule 9(B)(1) (a) of APMMC Rules, 1966 that the transportation of sand excavated from the I, II & III Order streams was allowed to be transported by the means of bullock carts & tractors. Whereas, in the orders issued vide G.O. 4th read above, in para A (3), it is mentioned that "Sand may be sourced for local needs by bullock carts".

4. The Commissioner and Director of Mines & Geology, AP., has, therefore, requested the Government to issue necessary orders allowing both bullock carts and tractors for the transportation of sand extracted from I, II & III Order Streams.

5. Government, after careful examination of the matter, have accepted the proposal of the Commissioner and Director of Mines & Geology, AP., and accordingly hereby make the following amendment to the G.O 4th read above.

AMENDMENT

In the G.O. Ms. No.49, Ind & Com (MINES-III) Dept, dated:02.09.2024,-

Para A (3) shall be substituted with the following namely:-

"Sand may be sourced for local needs by bullock carts **and Tractors only**"

6. The Commissioner & Director of Mines and Geology, A.P., and all the concerned officers mentioned in the address entries shall take necessary action accordingly in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

MUKESH KUMAR MEENA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOERNMENT (MINES) (FAC)

To
The Commissioner & Director of Mines & Geology, A.P, Ibrahimpatnam, NTR District.
The VC&MD, APMDC Ltd., Kanuru, Vijayawada.
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All the members of District Level Sand Committees (through C&DM&G)
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All the Superintendents of Police in the State.
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